MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The member is referred to the Statement of action taken on the representations made at the 24th Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly. A copy of the Statement is in the Council Library.

Appointments made by the Dewan Peishkars.

215. MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of appointments, by caste, made by each Dewan Peishkar in his respective Division since 1100, as clerks, Provertikars, etc.?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement* showing the required particulars is laid on the table.

Appointment of Tahsildars since 1100.

216. MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of new appointments made as Tahsildars since 1100; and

(*b*) the minimum qualifications prescribed for the post of Tahsildars and their Assistants?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Ten.

(*b*) For the Tahsildar's place, ordinarily a graduate in arts with experience as a Magistrate and with the Revenue, Account and Survey Tests qualifications.

As regards the Tahsildar's Assistant, it is not clear which officer is meant. There are no Assistant Tahsildars now.

Muslim applicants for appointments in Peishkars' Offices, from 1100 to 1104.

217. MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Muslims that have applied before each Peishkar for appointments during the period from 1100 to 1104?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The information required by the member is given below:—

No. of applications received by the Dewan Peishkar,	Trivandrum	...	16
Do.	Quilon	...	7
Do.	Kottayam	...	10

Disposal of cases in the Civil and Criminal Courts of the State.

218. MR. A. G. MENON (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that in many cases considerable delay occurs in disposing of fully heard cases in many of the civil and criminal courts of this country;

* *Vide* Appendix I—page 447 and 448.

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(*b*) whether they will lay on the table a statement showing the number of cases fully heard but not disposed of even after the lapse of one month in the civil and criminal courts of the State;

(*c*) whether they will see that a rule is made enjoining on all courts to supply a monthly statement showing the number of fully heard, but undisposed of, cases and the number of days that have elapsed after hearing; and

(*d*) whether they will see that, except under exceptional circumstances to be stated in the monthly statement aforesaid, a delay of not more than fourteen days does not occur between the date of hearing and the date of decision?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There are cases of delay, but they are very rare and the existing rules require that the judgments should be delivered on the day fixed for the purpose.

(*b*) The question is indefinite as it does not specify the period for which the statement is required.

(*c*) and (*d*) These suggest courses of action and the Government see no reason to answer them.

Land Colonisation Rules.

219. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the steps taken by them for bringing into effect the Land Colonisation Rules published in the *Government Gazette*, dated the 18th November 1924;

(*b*) the number of applications received from

(i) co-operative credit societies; and

(ii) syndicates constituted for the purpose of registering lands under the above-said Rules;

(*c*) the number of registries already effected; and

(*d*) the date of the oldest application still undisposed of?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Land Colonisation Rules as they stand at present could not be brought into working order and a revision of the rules has been taken up and is under consideration.

(*b*) (i) Nil.

(ii) 2 applications, one from the Vice-President, Travancore War Service Men's Association, and the other from the Service Colony Syndicate, Ltd., Amaravila, were received for registry of lands in the Neduvangad taluk; one application from the Southern Travancore Agricultural Syndicate Ltd., was received for registry of lands in the Neduvangad and Neyyattinkara taluks.

(*c*) Nil.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state, when is it that they found that the Land Colonisation Rules were not workable?

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